## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WESTERN DIVISION No. 5:19-CV-388-D

TIMOTHY JOSEPH JONES,	)
Plaintiff,	)
v.	ORDER
ANDREW SAUL,	)
Commissioner of Social Security,	į
Defendant.	<b>)</b>

On February 12, 2021, Magistrate Judge Swank issued a Memorandum and Recommendation ("M&R") [D.E. 30] and recommended that the court grant plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings [D.E. 24], deny defendant's motion for judgment on the pleadings [D.E. 27], and remand the action to the Commissioner. Neither party objected to the M&R.

"The Federal Magistrates Act requires a district court to make a de novo determination of those portions of the magistrate judge's report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made." <u>Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.</u>, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (emphasis, alteration, and quotation omitted); <u>see 28 U.S.C.</u> § 636(b). Absent a timely objection, "a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation." <u>Diamond</u>, 416 F.3d at 315 (quotation omitted).

The court has reviewed the M&R, the record, and the briefs. The court is satisfied that there is no clear error on the face of the record. Accordingly, the court adopts the conclusions in the M&R [D.E. 30].

In sum, the court GRANTS plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings [D.E. 24], DENIES defendant's motion for judgment on the pleadings [D.E. 27], and REMANDS the action to the Commissioner.

SO ORDERED. This \_\_\_ day of March 2021.

JAMES C. DEVER III

United States District Judge

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